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FOREIGN MAIL CENSORED

Work Begun By United States Officials
on Nov. 1 Not Made Public Until
Now

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 24—Censorship of foreign mail authorized by the trading with the enemy act is now in full force with the postoffice, war, army, navy, and public information departments represented on the board.

Through branch offices established at New York, Panama, Porto Rico and other such places necessary, the board plans to carry on the work of the organization. The work was begun on November 1 but at the request of the government, news of it was not made public at that time.

BRITISH ADVANCE NEAR PALESTINE

Gen. Allenby's Troops Have
Occupied Four More
Towns.

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 24.—General Allenby's troops in Palestine have continued their advance on the plains of Aaron, north of Jaffa, and have occupied four more towns, according to an official statement given out today by the war office.

EX-GOV. BASS ON LABOR

The Concord correspondent of the Sunday Herald has the following of local interest:

New Hampshire people were pleased to learn that Ex-Gov. Robert P. Bass has been appointed to a government position at Washington. He has removed his family from Peterborough to the national capital, and it is understood his duty will be to iron out labor troubles in the shipyards.

Mr. Bass has been in poor health since he retired from the governorship

WAGE INCREASE DEMANDS ARE GRANTED

Threatened Strike of 10,000
Metal Trade Unionists in
San Francisco Averted.

(By Associated Press)
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A threatened strike of ten thousand metal trade unionists engaged in trades other than shipbuilding was averted here today when fourteen of the 35 foundries that would have been affected by the walkout, granted demands for a ten per cent additional wage increase over the 31 per cent increase granted some time ago by the federal shipbuilding labor adjustment bureau.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Machine Overturns at Hopkinton, R. I., Crushing Occupants Beneath Wreckage.

(By Associated Press)
Hopkinton, R. I., Dec. 24.—Ephraim Williams, a lawyer, of New York, and Harry Bacher, an auto dealer of Westbury, were killed in an automobile accident here today when the machine in which they were on their way to Boston, skidded and overturned on a steep hill, pinning both men underneath the wreckage. Another man who was in the rear seat was only slightly injured.

MAY MAKE BIG CUT IN TRAINS

Rumor says the Boston and Maine railroad will make a big cut in the train service on January first. It is said that the new time table will see some long established trains removed. Several trains from this city are on the schedule to go.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Portsmouth and Vicinity: Rain and warmer tonight; cloudy Tuesday and colder.

Sun Rises..... 7:11
Sun Sets..... 4:16
Length of Day..... 9:05
High Tide..... 7:32 am, 8:07 pm
Moon Sets..... 3:20 am
Light Automobile Lamps at..... 4:45 pm

Read the Want Ads.

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ASK WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Rhode Island Men Now Serving Sentence
at Atlanta Prison for Desertion Claim
They Are Unlawfully Held

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—Judge Morton in the federal district court here today set December 31 for a hearing on the petition of Adolph Yungar and John T. Dunn of Providence and Theodore Miller of Pawtucket for writ of habeas corpus releasing them from the custody of the army authorities by whom they claim they are unlawfully held.

Yungar and Dunn are both serving ten year sentences at Atlanta for desertion from the army and Miller was court martialed on a similar charge but the finding has not yet been reported. The three men were drafted and sent to Camp Devens and later deserted. They claimed to be conscientious objectors.

WILSON WILL CONFER WITH R. R. HEADS

On Thursday Will Outline
Action He Thinks Necessary to Obtain Efficient
Transportation.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson has summoned the chief and legislative agents of the four railroad brotherhoods to a conference which will be held at the White House on Thursday when it is expected that President Wilson will outline to the representatives of the railroad workers whatever action he has decided is necessary to obtain more efficient transportation in the war crisis.

GERMANS DRIVE IN BRITISH OUTPOSTS

London, Dec. 23.—"Under cover of heavy artillery barrage," says today's official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters, "the enemy yesterday made a local attack in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden Ry and succeeded in driving in our advanced posts for a short distance on front of 700 yards. During the night the hostile artillery was very active in the neighborhood of Gheluvelt and Poperinghe."

COLD WAVE COMING

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The cold wave which has caused a drop in the temperature of from forty to fifty degrees in the past 24 hours in the Dakotas, is sweeping eastward, the weather bureau announced today, and is expected to reach the Atlantic coast by Tuesday.

POLICE COURT

Eddie McDonald and Harold Oliver for drunkenness, received suspended sentence of three months at the county farm and a fine of costs \$6.45 in the municipal court today. Oscar Haino and Gust Carlsson for the same offense were fined \$5 and costs of \$6.45 each.

KNITTING AT 85.

Mrs. Mary A. Shuttleworth of Islington road, 85 years of age, has just completed a fine job of knitting in which she made 12 pairs of socks and seven pairs of wristers for the Red Cross. The work is said to be perfect in every way and shows her excellent knowledge of what can be done with this yarn and needles.

E. J. Plante of Manchester, N. H., has shot 90 foxes over his hound, Fanny.

SHOULD NOT SLACKEN OUR PREPARATIONS

Secretary of War Baker Says United
States Must Not Heed Newest Ger-
man Peace Talk

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany's newest peace propaganda should not for a moment induce us to slacken our preparations for carrying on the war, says Secretary of War Baker in

his weekly review issued today. "The Germans realize," Secretary Baker states, "that within a short time our armies will form the principal bodies of fresh strategic reserves remaining available on the battlefields of Europe."

BODY ARRIVES FROM PANAMA

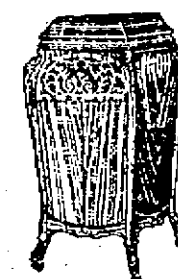
The body of Mrs. Charles Ronche, who died in Panama on Nov. 11, arrived in this city on Sunday accompanied by the husband and baby daughter. The remains were removed to the home of her mother, Mrs. Anne Deolan on Dover street. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

(By Associated Press)
Rome, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces which have crossed the Pieve river at Plecin have been driven back across the river, the war office announced today.

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11-13 MARKET STREET

MOCK ATTACK BY FRENCH

Staged for Benefit and Instruction of U. S. Troops at the Front.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 24.—Virtually all the officers attached to the recently arrived divisions composed of former National Guardsmen, today watched a French division carry out an intricate theatrical attack over hills covered with snow. The officers' attendance was for instruction purposes and they gained much valuable information.

Later French and American generals including General Castelnau, entertained at luncheon at the French-American officers' club in a nearby village where a unit of guardsmen is billeted.

In another section of the American zone, United States troops began maneuvers involving the theatrical defense of an important rail head and junction against greatly superior forces of an advancing enemy. Fled artillery and airplanes participated "enemies" planes being distinguished by long, black streamers. After spending a day locating the "enemy" the Americans spent out along the line and made all preparations to meet them when they arrived.

The weather is very cold, the roads covered with ice and the ground with snow, but the troops have become so hardened that none seem to mind their conditions.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 24.—Messrs. Walter and Albert Ritchie of Lynn, Mass., passed the week-end in town, called here by the illness of their father, Thomas Ritchie, who remains very ill.

Mrs. Henry Beasley of New Haven, Conn., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills of the Intervene.

Harry Rose of the Intervene is improving from an illness.

Norman Chik of Boston is the holiday guest of his sister, Mrs. Lester Bowker of Prince Avenue.

A sunrise prayer meeting will be held at 7.30 Tuesday morning at the Methodist vestry to which everyone is invited.

Riverside Lodge of Odd Fellows holds a regular meeting tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker and children of Love Lane are passing a few days with relatives in York.

Hospital Steward Clark, U. S. N., and wife have moved from Portsmouth to the house on Dime street just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kittredge.

William Williams of Love Lane is passing a few days with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Andrew Yull of Pleasant street is entertaining her mother and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wells of Goffstown, N. H., and Miss Josephine Blaisdell of Derry, N. H.

Miss Edna Peterson of Portland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold Chik of Kittery Depot.

Edward Sears of Bath is the holiday guest of his sister, Mrs. Walter MacDonald of Love Lane.

Mrs. Helen Johnson of Love Lane is restricted to the house with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kippenham of South Boston were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gerry.

Saturday's total for Red Cross members was 415. Forty-two were added for the day. The drive closes this evening.

Leslie L. Williams of Love Lane is on a trip to New York city.

Clarence J. Moody of Otis Avenue passed Sunday with friends in Lawrence, Mass.

Miss Irene Kramer of Rockland, Mass., is the holiday guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Oak Bank.

Rev. Carl L. Nichols and Alexander Bennett of Echo street were visitors at Beach Ridge, York, on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Nichols spoke at the Christian church there at the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins and children of Newmarket street are passing a few days with relatives in Cambridge, Mass.

Louis Gray of Manson Avenue is passing Christmas with his mother in Beverly Farms, Mass.

For the first time in many years

there will be no Christmas celebration at the local churches.

Walter L. Latta of Wentworth street is passing a few days in New York city.

Miss Jennie Trefethen of York passed the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Huella of Wentworth street.

Horace Davis, U. S. N., is the guest for a few days of his sister, Mrs. Ralph Gerry of Kittery Depot.

The regular Red Cross sewing meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall.

Leslie Heenev of Bowdoin College is passing the holiday recess with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heenev of Central street.

George Carmichael of Otis Avenue has gone to Andover, Mass., to pass Christmas with relatives.

Frank Morris will pass the holiday at his home in Beverly, Mass.

AT SUGRUE'S

One and a half pounds best bread, 13c.

VOTED "NO" ON CONSCRIPTION

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—A majority of 174,000 votes against conscription is shown by the complete returns on the referendum at Ottawa, says a Reuters dispatch from Melbourne. The vote was 938,000 against and 764,000 for. Votes cast by the Australian troops on the question are being counted in London.

MAY CHANGE TO ST. PETERSBURG

Paris, Dec. 24.—Authoritative information has reached here in a letter from Sweden, via London, that the Lombards are now considering changing the name of Petrograd back to St. Petersburg.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Dec. 24.—Rev. John A. Waterworth is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Nelson Webber and young son Gordon of Manchester, N. H., are visiting Mr. Webber's grandmother Mrs. N. E. Emery.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will meet on Thursday evening with Mrs. Bella Hoyer.

Mrs. Mabel Luther and daughter day of Fall River are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams of the Harbor road.

Professor Charles Dodge and Mrs. Dodge of Salem, Mass., were visitors in town on Saturday calling on friends for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dwyer of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, arrived on Sunday to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. N. E. Emery.

Mrs. Frank Gatchell and little son James left today for Dover, N. H., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Eleanor Lambert who has been teaching school in Beachport, Vt., since September arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert on Saturday for the holidays.

Miss Josephine Clark returned to her home in Malden, Mass., on Saturday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Morton Seward.

Mrs. Joseph Moulton who has been teaching school in Gardner, Me., returned to her home on Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Phillips of Lynn, Mass., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips.

Fred Chase of Boston is visiting his family in town.

Miss Ethel Fiske left today for Somerville, Mass., to pass Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Edmund Knowlton and Miss Dorothy Todd of Beverly Farms were visitors in town on Saturday calling on Mrs. Melvin Blake.

Captain Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence of the Salvation Army, Portsmouth, had charge of the service at the Congregational church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Glyde Yeoman and son Clifford are spending Christmas with relatives in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce and Miss Florence Hopkins of Lynn, Mass., were Sunday visitors in town calling on friends.

PLACE HALIFAX DEAD AT 1500

Over One Thousand Bodies of Victims of Disaster Have Been Recovered; 300 Missing.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The latest estimate of dead in the Halifax disaster December 6 is placed at 1500.

Chadman Barnstead, of the mortuary committee, stated today that over 1,000 bodies had been recovered, and that about 300 persons are missing. In addition to these figures many persons removed to hospitals outside of the city died of their injuries, but the officials here have not yet been able to obtain the exact number. During the past week 132 bodies were removed from the ruins.

CONGRESS TO FORCE WAR

(By Associated Press)

On the fighting front even in Italy, the activities are below normal. The situation on the Italian front are not expected to remain long that way as the Austro-Germans are continuing to bring up reinforcements with the hopes still in their minds of being able to break through into the Venetian plains. It will however be a far different army they will meet than that which fled from their first onslaught for the Italians bolstered up by the British and French reinforcements, are not only making a wonderful defense but last week turned and took the offensive for a time.

There are no activities other than searching out raids on the western front, with both sides not even using the artillery as much as usual, but it is the quiet before the storm.

In Argentina the demonstrations against Germany continued to grow in violence and the South American republic will soon be at war with Germany. The feeling against Germany as a result of the disclosure of the telegrams of the German Minister Von Luxburg, continued to grow and extreme bitterness is being shown in the demonstrations against everything German. The present week is expected to see the Argentine congress take a hand in the matter and demand that war be declared upon the central powers.

EXETER

Exeter, Dec. 24.—Christmas was observed in the churches Sunday, there being special services at the First Congregational church, where a Christmas cantata, "The Saviour's Birth," was given by the choir, containing many pleasing solos and choruses. The sermon was by Rev. C. E. White.

At the Christ church, the 60th anniversary of the opening of the church was observed by an appropriate sermon by the rector, Rev. Victor M. Haughton and special services.

At the Methodist church there was a special Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. John D. Leach, the subject being "The First Gospel Anthem" and in the evening the Sunday school held its annual Christmas concert.

At the Phillips church, the sermon was by the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. H. Dana, while Miss Lucile Quimby, cellist and Mrs. Eleena Quimby of Boston assisted in the special music.

The annual Christmas festivals of the churches will be held this evening.

Under the leadership of Prof. William A. Francis, several members of the academy faculty commenced Saturday in cutting wood on the north side of the cove in the Plimpton fields beyond. Their object is to relieve the fuel situation and at the same time improve the woodland tract. There are many acres of woodland there and many cords of wood.

Camille O. Jette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joss Jette of Hall place died on Saturday after a long illness with tuberculosis. He was in his 22nd year and a well-known young man, being a former Exeter high school student and last summer went out with the former Coast artillery company, but was discharged owing to poor physical condition. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters, one, Edward L. having enlisted last week and is now at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Dr. Ralph S. Perkins has received a commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve corps and is to report at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Jan. 1. He will leave Exeter on Dec. 30. Dr. Perkins has been a practicing physician here for the past four years and was a member of the examining board for the last draft.

Mrs. George F. Richards is at home from Washington, D. C., where she is engaged in newspaper and magazine work. She will spend the Christmas holidays here.

A social dance will be held at the Red Men's hall on Christmas night.

KEEP HOME FIRES BURNING

Paris correspondent of a Philadelphia paper tells of the rush of American women to France which is moving not only vexatious but hampering to the military authorities. It is said that women both with wealth and

without it, with varying schemes for "doing their bit" are somehow getting across the Atlantic only to find their hopes and plans impossible of realization and themselves in the way of those doing the really necessary things.

It is said that one rich woman went recently to France with a plan to build houses for the American soldiers at the front; another came to gather food supplies for American aviators; still another sailed across the sea to present bouquets to wounded soldiers in hospitals—all without previous preparations for supplies expecting to find them on the scene ready for assembling to request. Other women have been going over to be near husbands or friends who may be injured in the fighting, or to act as nurses in hospitals though utterly ignorant of the simplest duties of the nurse.

Some such conditions existed behind the British lines in 1914. Kitchener ended it abruptly by ordering all such women sent home forthwith. When Canadian soldiers went to England for training in the early days of the war many women pursued them, and hundreds after suffering many privations were gathered by the authorities and shipped home. Now that the United States is in the war the lesson must be learned by American women which came to so many English and Canadian women—that to keep the home fires burning is one excellent way of doing one's bit.—Detroit Free Press.

OBSEQUIES

Albert H. Bickford

The funeral of Albert H. Bickford was held at two o'clock Sunday from his late home in New Castle, Rev. T. J. Merry the pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. The pall bearers were C. B. Amazeen, Orville C. Amazeen, William C. Tarlton and Charles S. Tarlton of the Westworth lodge, K. of P. Interment was in the family lot in Riverside cemetery under the direction of J. Verne Wood.

Delegations of former navy yard associates, I. O. O. F., of Portsmouth, and quite a number of Portsmouth members of the Knights of Pythias were present. The sermon of Rev. Mr. Merry was an eulogy that was approved by the large crowd of friends of the deceased.

George F. Plaisted

The funeral of the late George F. Plaisted of York was held on Sunday afternoon from the Christian church, York Corner. Rev. Mr. Parsons officiated. A delegation from St. Asaph, and Lodge, A. F. & A. M. performed the Masonic burial service.

The deceased was 77 years, 6 months and one of the most prominent men of York County.

His education was acquired up to the age of 17 in the common district school, supplemented later by reading standard literature of the time.

At the age of 23 he was appointed deputy sheriff. He served as a constable for more than 40 years. He had been treasurer of the town of York; county coroner, eight years; assistant postmaster in 1859, postmaster under Cleveland's administration; town clerk from 1901 to 1915. In 1891 he established the "York Courier." For 49 years he conducted a large and successful general country store business in which he was engaged at the time of his last sickness. He was also agent for accident, life and fire insurance companies. His parents were Francis and Susan (Grant) Plaisted. One son, James Purcell and several brothers and sisters with many cousins survive him.

POLICE ORDERED TO REPORT ALL LIGHTING WASTE

The members of the Boston Police Department were instructed by Police Commissioner O'Meara in a general order, read in all the police stations last evening, to lend every assistance practicable to secure in Boston full compliance with the recent order of the United States Fuel Administrator, designed to prevent the unnecessary use of electricity and thereby effect a saving in coal.

While the "lightless night" order applies to Sunday and Thursday evenings, and the police have no authority to prosecute, they must note every violation, apparent and actual, and report it to their division commander. The latter will forward the reports to police headquarters, to be transmitted to the office of the fuel administrator. The police officers are to keep in mind the following points:

1.—The order applies only to Sunday and Thursday nights of each week and the police have no authority to prosecute. When they observe an apparent violation of the order, they should so inform a responsible person upon the premises; the proprietor, if he can be readily found.

2.—Should the police learn by subsequent observation that the condition had not been remedied, or should the violation occur on premises that are closed, a report of the facts shall be made to the division commander.

Commissioner O'Meara in the order adds that this duty is important in the present situation, and is to be performed with energy. It will doubtless be found that many persons violate the order through lack of knowledge of its terms, and that the number of such violations will rapidly decrease when attention is called to the requirements.

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URGES ATTACK BY AEROPLANES

Rear Admiral Fiske Thinks U. S. Should Bombard German Fleet From Air.

New York, Dec. 24.—Use of airplanes in major attack on Germany's navy was recommended in a letter made public here today from Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske to Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America. The idea, the letter says, is not a "foolish notion of fantasies in aeronautics," but is a sound idea, based on the principles of strategy.

"All Germany's naval eggs are in one basket," Rear Admiral Fiske declared, "and these eggs are vitally essential to her existence as a nation. It is my profound conviction that we can smash those eggs by torpedoing and air-bomb attacks—if we can prepare and deliver them on a scale sufficiently great."

"Whether or not the submarine has been beaten," Admiral Fiske added, "let us realize that the submarine is only one of many naval weapons, and that naval strategy recognizes the fact that as long as the enemy's fleet exists as a fighting force, so long as it remains what we call 'a fleet in being,' it constitutes a continuing menace, from which an attack of some kind may be expected at any time. For this reason, no mere subsistence of submarine activities should blind us to a desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet."

"If the only way to win this war is to fight a long succession of enormous land battles, then we must fight them; but it may be advantageous to us if an alternative method less bloody but equally decisive can be devised."

NEWINGTON

Newington, Dec. 24.—Christmas exercises were held in the primary and grammar grades on Friday afternoon. Parents and friends were present to hear the songs and recitations of the children and to see their delight in the gifts which were taken from the tree for them. After which the children had a treat of candy, fruit, etc., and all went home merrier and happier for this enjoyment.

The schools closed on Friday afternoon for a two weeks' vacation. Miss Seaver, the teacher of the grammar grade, returned to her home on Saturday.

A Christmas concert was held in the church on Sunday evening. There was a fair attendance and the children by rendering his or her song and recitation so well kept the attention of the audience from the beginning to the end.

The Sunday school Christmas tree looked very pretty and the pupils enjoyed their gifts. Fruit instead of candy was given the children.

Our young men have and are to give a dance this evening. Music will be furnished by local talent.

Interest is now centered on the ice pond. Many farmers have already filled their ice-houses and the others will do so as soon as possible.

One of our soldier boys, Willis Hoyt, is passing his leave of absence with his parents and in Portsmouth.

Elbridge Knox, who has been in the West and in Canada for the past year and a half, has returned home and is being given a hearty welcome by his friends.

Mary Mackenzie is passing her Christmas vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Rosamond Packard.

Stanley Tuck of Boston or its suburbs is passing Christmas with his father, Mr. Tuck.

Doris Beane from Smith college is home for the Christmas vacation.

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PORTSMOUTH GOING STRONG IN RED CROSS

3100 Members and Strong Hopes Of Reaching 3500 by Tonight- County Falling Behind Quota Except in Newmarket.

Portsmouth is making a fine showing in the Red Cross membership drive and by the close of the campaign this evening it is expected that there will be at least 3500 members or almost 150 per cent of its quota.

Saturday night Chairman E. C. Matthews Jr., of the local committee had returns showing some over 3100 and with some incomplete reports, so that with today's drive, along with what the navy yard is expected to do today, will bring the total to at least 3500.

The Red Cross hut on Market Square had the best day Saturday when 210 members were secured, the greater part during the afternoon when the Christmas shoppers had every opportunity of contributing for this great cause. This makes a total of 500 that the hut has signed up and today it is expected that another large list will be added, as the hut will be in operation until the end of the drive.

The navy yard made a partial return Saturday evening when they reported 850 members. They still have one day to work on the drive at the yard.

The Gale Shoe Company reported Saturday night 179 members taken in the factory in the past three days and with a few more to come. When it is considered the number of people employed this is a remarkable showing, but these employees who have always shown a big interest in the Red Cross.

The Morley Cotton list was not completed Saturday night but the committee there reported that they hoped to reach the two hundred mark by this evening.

The business team still have a few days and they will be closed by this afternoon and it is estimated that the

business section will net a little over 600.

The shipping plant at Newington has been making a good showing and they have already secured 60 members.

In the report of Friday's activities there was a mistake made in the case of the navy yard, where it was stated that a young lady had secured over fifty members from the officers' quarters. This was an error, a certain number were secured in the officers' quarters, but the greater per cent of the members were from the crew of the Leandras, who, although engaged in coaling ship, found time for the gallies to cheerfully sign the applications.

County Chairman E. M. Sise from this district which includes this city and the greater part of Rockingham County, with the exception of Derry, Raymond and other towns which went with the Manchester district, 4200 members of which this city had 3100. Exeter is not making a very good showing, only 312 being reported, but Newmarket on the other hand, has gone over the top in line shape with 521 members up to Saturday and still going.

The other towns of the county are not doing very well and they will have to make a great hustle to get anywhere near their quota.

Today is the last day, if you are not a member make it your business to give yourself a Christmas present of a membership in this great organization.

If you can not get to the hut on Market Square phone Dr. Boger for the residential district or Mr. Matthews or Mr. Sise for the business section and they will see that a solicitor is sent at once.

Mr. Benjamin Green has added in-

terially to the comforts of the ladies in the hut during the three days by frequently sending in hot drinks, all of which have been greatly appreciated.

MUST READJUST BASE BALL

One of the effects of the war is the necessity for a radical readjustment of the professional baseball structure and of the many proposed innovations and curtailments suggested, the limitations of each club roster to eighteen players has aroused the greatest discussion. Magistrates in both of the major leagues are sharply aligned in favor of opposition to this amendment to the rules and it is likely that there will be considerable controversy before the matter is readjusted.

The proposal is one which permits of much argument with plenty of fact to support the contention of the debaters. For instance it has been pointed out that no club is required, at the present time to carry the full bill of players and might go through the season if it so desired. Clubs favoring a maximum of eighteen offer in rebuttal the statement that carries organizations, financially capable of supporting a 25 player team, would under such conditions have a decided advantage over the club which would not afford in war times, to carry more than 20 at the outside. From other unofficial sources comes the claim that the reduction is advocated by certain clubs, the pennant chances of which would be greatly strengthened if the other formidable opponents were forced out down their playing staff to conform with the proposed requirements.

The adoption of the rule would also require in all probability, a change in the national agreement at the present time places a maximum limit of 25 players upon the clubs of the American and National leagues through a regulation in force in the senior organization while the American league holds to 25.

One baseball authority brings out the point that the cost of maintaining a big league team has increased tremendously in the past 12 months and is likely to advance still further during the season of 1918. The charge for hotel accommodations and meals, both on the trains and while playing in rival cities have reached figures far beyond those existing in previous years. The war tax alone on railroad and Pullman reservations will add something like 18 per cent to the transportation charges of the traveling teams.

That numerous pennants have been won in past years by clubs with considerable less than the number of players allowed at this time is shown by a search of the records of the national game. During the early seventies National league teams played through the season without approaching the eighteen player total. The first of the American league clubs ranged from 17 to 30.

A fair line on the players used in recent years can be gained from the lists of eligibles for the world series as promulgated by the National Commission each season since 1905. The teams of course, in each case were the winners of their respective leagues pennants and yet the records disclose that there has been hardly a case where the full number of eligibles were actually called into action. Eighteen players registered by the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics in 1905 is the minimum of the average for the entire thirteen years is 22 and a fraction players per team.

The list follows:

National League	
1905	New York 13
1906	Chicago 20
1907	Chicago 22
1908	Chicago 20
1909	Pittsburgh 23
1910	New York 25
1911	Chicago 23
1912	New York 24
1913	Boston 26
1914	Philadelphia 22
1915	Brooklyn 22
1916	New York 21
American League	
1905	Philadelphia 15
1906	Chicago 21
1907	Detroit 18
1908	Detroit 20
1909	Detroit 20
1910	Philadelphia 23
1911	Philadelphia 23
1912	Boston 32
1913	Boston 32
1914	Philadelphia 23
1915	Philadelphia 24
1916	Boston 23
1917	Boston 20
1917	Chicago 24

BOSTON LAGGING IN RED CROSS DRIVE

(By Associated Press)

Boston, Dec. 23.—The success of the Red Cross drive for members for a million new members in New England, hinges on Boston. At headquarters today it was reported that all sections of New England were going well over their quota, but that in order to reach the mark, Boston would have to secure 135,000 members by this evening.

There does not seem to be any great activity on the part of candidates for city positions. With the wages being paid now days city salaries are not inviting.

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CONDEMNS PREMATURE PEACE MOVE

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 22.—The League for National Unity today issued a declaration signed by its officers and executive committee in which all efforts towards a premature peace are condemning and the determination of continuing the war until a military victory is achieved and the autocratic power of the Imperial German government is pledged.

"We are in this war to conquer the enemies armies declares the statement, though not his territory or population. We intend to nullify the power of the Imperial German government. We do not intend that it shall gain at the expense of other nations, either an enlargement of territory or an expansion of industrial and commercial opportunities or an increase of prestige.

"When German military reverses obliterate past victories and the war may become unfavorable, no doubt some of the German parties will begin to consider the peace principles of world democracy," the statement concludes. "But no influential German party yet sees coming defeat. There is therefore, as yet no common ground for discussion between the partisans of right.

"The Imperial German government, foiled and defeated in its plan to cripple the great self-governing nations of the world, first France, then England, and last the United States, is seeking to achieve through its proposals for peace what it has been unable to obtain by arms.

"The Imperial German Government seeks a compromise in the irrepressible conflict between autocracy and democracy before it shall be too late. All who are willing to compromise on this issue are willing to aid despotism, as all who urged compromise on Abraham Lincoln in the Civil war aided slavery. The American people today are fighting for their own liberty as well as for the freedom of the whole world. The world cannot be safe for democracy so long as an organized autocracy—its people still believe it victorious—is entrenched in the center of Europe leading 10,000,000 armed men and possessing the resources of 170,000,000 people in the world's central position for all seas and all continents."

Asserting that the underlying cause for America's entrance into the war was that the German government endangered our safety and challenges our freedom, the statement declares that President Wilson was the true spokesman of the American people when he said in his message to congress that the American people are impatient with those who desire peace by any sort of compromise.

"No compromise is conceivable continues the declaration. If the German government is not utterly brought to an end by military defeat or political revolution from within. Since a lasting world peace is our chief war aim, which of Germany's crimes can we afford to accept as innocent acts and permit to be repeated and continued?

Which oppressed nationality can we safely abandon to her sovereignty. What slaughter of innocents and destruction of their property shall we leave without such reparation as can be afforded by material indemnity?"

Quoting from President Wilson's assertions that the war will not be won until the rulers of the German people make reparation for the wrongs they have done, the league asserts that indemnities should be paid in the cases of Belgium, Serbia, Poland, Rumania and France.

The League for National Unity was organized in Washington last September. Its purposes are to create a medium through which loyal Americans of all classes can give expression to the fundamental purpose of the U. S. to carry on the war to a successful conclusion. Cardinal James Gibbons is honorary chairman of the league and Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is chairman. Among the vice presidents are Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, and George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

KILLS WIFE'S FRIEND AND WOUNDS WIFE

(By Associated Press)

Winchester, Mass., Dec. 23.—Sylvester Parham was arrested here tonight charged with the murder of Francis J. Roberts, who was shot dead at the home of George Green, Parham's father-in-law. Mrs. Parham is at the hospital with two bullet wounds in her arm, which she claimed were fired by her husband. Parham claims that he fired at Roberts in self defense and that two stay bullets struck his wife. All parties are colored. The police say that jealousy is the cause of the crime.

The Portsmouth Herald publishes the local news when it is news.

SHIP CONSTRUCTION DELAYED TWO MONTHS

(By Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Testimony today of Shipping Board officials in the Senate's investigation of delays in the shipbuilding programme disclosed that the start on construction of fabricated steel ships was delayed two months by the refusal of Rear Admiral Capps, formerly general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, to close contracts negotiated by his predecessor, Major General Goetz, until many alterations in them were made.

The fabricating construction delay and other delays to the programme were brought out in questions asked by the Senate Commerce Committee, which is conducting the inquiry, of Edward N. Hurley and John A. Donald, of the Shipping Board; Charles Piez, now general manager of the corporation, and Rear Admiral Bowles, his aid.

Some of the causes for the general delay in both steel and wooden construction were given by the witnesses as changes in specifications, differences between Admiral Capps and builders, and slow delivery of materials. The delays, Mr. Hurley admitted under questioning, brought about the recent reorganization of the fleet corporation which ended in Admiral Capps' resignation.

Timber Held Up.

The wooden building programme was held back largely, Mr. Piez testified, by the inability of Southern pine producers to deliver timber. The condition of affairs was uncovered by an investigating committee headed by Mr. Piez, which made a tour of the yards for the Shipping Board.

"Whose fault was that?" Mr. Piez was asked.

"I do not know," he replied. "I understand the Southern Pine Association promised to deliver the timbers and then fell down on the order."

"What are you doing to correct the

situation?"

"We are having air brought from the Pacific coast." Many contracts already let for wooden ships in the East will have to be transferred to the West, Mr. Piez added, in order to get the vessels completed, as sufficient timber cannot be had in the East.

Senator Nelson directed a long series of questions at Mr. Piez to learn why a practical shipbuilder would not be a proper man for general manager.

"Are you a shipbuilder?" asked the Senator.

"No," replied Mr. Piez, "but I have had large experience in organization and manufacturing work."

"Don't you think it would be better to have a practical builder at the head of the shipping programme?"

"I have engineering training and have a force of experts under me."

"Didn't seek place?"

Finally, Mr. Piez said somewhat sharply: "I want you to understand, Senator, I did not seek this place. I took it very reluctantly."

The change in design of wooden ships after construction was begun drew some criticism from members of the committee. Senator Martin asked Mr. Piez, who was responsible. The reply was that the change was made by Mr. Fergus, the corporation's designing expert.

"Don't you think that shows incompleteness?" asked the Senator.

"I would say," replied Mr. Piez, "that it was unfortunate."

"Yes," the Senator said, "unfortunate ignorance."

The committee, taking up the operation of ships, sought to develop if the army has handled inefficiently the ships turned over to it. Officials of the board explained they now are investigating that subject.

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Portsmouth, N. H., Monday, December 24, 1917.

Time to Abolish Tolls.

OVER the Hudson river at Troy and Albany, N. Y., are a number of toll bridges, relics of the good old days, and the people of those cities are beginning tired of them. They feel that the time is at hand for free roads and bridges in this country, and they recently started an agitation for the freeing of the bridges mentioned. A largely attended hearing was held and the arguments against the maintenance of toll bridges were ably presented.

It was pointed out that it is not nice for workingmen to have to pay tolls as they go to and come from their work and that the exaction of tolls has an unfavorable effect upon automobilists from regions where toll bridges are not in vogue, which include practically all parts of the country, there being only three states in which such bridges are to be found today. The arguments were well received and the probability is that the day is not far distant when the Troy and Albany bridges will be freed, if not all of the toll bridges in New York state.

This movement is prompted by common sense and the progressive spirit of the age. In the old days, when turnpikes and bridges were built with private capital, it was proper that the investors should be enabled to draw from the public a reasonable return on their investments, and the public did not object. Those were slow-going days and travelers thought nothing of being held up on a turnpike or a bridge and compelled to pay a few cents for the privilege of proceeding on their way. But the time for that sort of thing has gone by. Today men feel that they do their share toward building and maintaining public ways when they pay their taxes, and they do. Roads and bridges are public utilities and should be financed by the public entirely.

The fact that toll bridges and roads have been done away with in all but three states shows how unpopular these things have become, and there is nothing strange in the change that has taken place in the public view of this question. Tolls belong to an age that is past and gone, and where they are still in force they should be abolished without delay.

The public should own, control and be responsible for the care of all public ways. The collection of tolls is a relic of the days of ox teams, when men were willing to stop and settle for the privilege of driving over a turnpike or crossing a bridge, and glad of the opportunity to stop and chat a few minutes with the gate tender. But all that has gone by. People who are on the road these days are there for the purpose of getting somewhere and are in no mood to be bothered by toll collectors. The amount of the toll is not what bothers them; it is the annoyance of being held up, even for the briefest space of time, when they want to be on their way.

The toll road and toll bridge were doomed long ago, and it is time that the few holdovers were added to the long list of those that have gone before.

The American soldiers in France are to have Christmas and New Year's as holidays if circumstances will permit, and by unanimous voice the people of this country will wish them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And these wishes will be backed up by a most generous quantity of acceptable presents suited to the season and the conditions under which the boys are doing their bit.

It is comforting to know that the coal embargo on the Boston and Maine railroad was only temporary. The fuel situation is not as reassuring as could be wished, notwithstanding the repeated promises of those in control. But we must hope for the best and do the best we can under the circumstances.

A bill has been introduced in Congress with reference to the importation of Chinese farm laborers as a war measure. It will be well to go slow in this matter. The war will not last forever, and there will be enough to attend to when it is ended without having a Chinese question to wrangle over.

The shutting off of electric light for the purpose of saving fuel will make little difference to the burglars and holdup men, many of the most daring of whom do their work by daylight now. If you don't believe this, ask Chicago.

The people of this country know how to push war preparations when the necessity arises. At Los Angeles, Cal., a merchant ship has just been turned out from a yard that was not in existence seven months ago.

"Not guilty" seems to be the popular verdict in murder cases these days. It is little wonder that there are far more murders in proportion to population in the United States than in any other country in the world.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Stop and Think

(From the Boston Herald)

When you strike a match or heap a rubbish pile remember that our fire loss for the first eleven months of this year is \$40,000,000 more than for all twelve months of 1916 and \$7,000,000 more than for 1915.

Church Conservation

(From the Haverhill Gazette)

In line with the coal conservation program of the school board, the suggestion of Miss Gertrude E. Simonds, that churches might join the movement and combine their services, is worth more than passing consideration. It might do more than save coal. It would be far more likely to save souls.

Our Strict Censorship

(From the Lawrence Tribune)

Let it be emphasized that we would not for a minute advocate the publication or general dissemination of any information that would be of value to the enemies of this country. On the other hand we have never been able to understand wherein any good could be served by withholding news which is a matter of common knowledge abroad.

Not Fewer, But Wiser

(From the Fall River News)

Let us plan for the best Christmas which we can devise considering our usually prosperous condition. Let it be liberally planned for our own and for our neighbors, interpreting the "neighbor" in the spirit of the parable of the "Good Samaritan." Let us make our children happy and let us teach them the lesson that the older have had urged upon them that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." "Not fewer Christmas presents—wiser."

Morgan's Maxim

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

At this particular time, when holders of securities, in the United States, have witnessed values rapidly melting away, it is a good thing to recall the remark once made by J. P. Morgan & Co. Some one had come to him complaining of the hard times, how stocks had declined, and how the country generally was "going to the bow-wow," when the noted banker interrupted him, saying: "The man who is a bear on the United States will go broke." In other words, it is unwise to become too pessimistic, particularly when the worst is probably past.

Your Fighting Quarter

The ordinary bank takes care of the man who has \$10 a week which he can save. The savings bank takes care of the man who is able to put \$1 aside. But the thrift stamps which Uncle Sam is putting out get right down to bed-rock. They were invented for the man, woman or child who could save 25 cents at any time within the next year and who feel that he or she would like to do a bit towards winning the war. Every quarter invested in a thrift stamp helps to buy something for an American soldier or sailor that he needs, if he is to be an efficient and well equipped fighting man in the war against the Kaiser.

Count that week lost in which you do not make one of your quarters go to war.

Three Temptations

(From the Nashua Telegraph)

A recent speaker in rallies held in connection with the present Red Cross drive called attention to what he termed three great temptations which Red Cross workers will meet both among themselves, and among the public in the present campaign to enlist 15,000,000 members:

These temptations, he asserted, are "to let other people do the work that we ought to do, to criticize the other fellow's way of doing the work after we have left the work for him to do, and to consider our own interest and our own appetites, without any regard for the rights and desires of other people."

"You do not," said he, "have to convince people that the Red Cross is a good thing and that it deserves and needs help; but you do have to convince them that they are the ones that should do the work and give the help. Some people who are not willing to do the work of running the Red Cross are willing to work overtime without pay to find fault with those who do run it."

"It is time we were waking up to the fact that the success of our arms abroad depends upon the attitude of the folks who remain at home. The usefulness of the Red Cross upon the field of battle and elsewhere, where good is to be done, depends upon the support you and I give it in just such campaigns to raise members and funds as the one we are this week to enter upon."

Why Argentina Is Excited

(From the New York Herald)

"The President holds with us," Count Karl von Luxburg, a minister to his chiefs at Berlin, "Death for Irigoyen!" shouted excited patriots at Buenos Ayres when they had read the Luxburg despatches. What the one-time German minister, temporarily sojourning in a sanatorium, had to say when he saw his confidential despatches in print is not told, but it can be assumed that it was "a plenty."

"The Minister of Marine and the Minister for Foreign Affairs are probably bribed," wrote Luxburg. The sum of the offending of those officials consisted in standing firm for Argentina's rights.

True to the manners of his tribe, Luxburg sneered not only at the Argentine people but at the Irigoyen government. "All sensible people here," he cabled to the German Minister at Santiago, "allow that Chill is obviously better governed than Argentina." That cable was sent shortly after he had pictured all South Americans, particularly Argentines, of whom he assumed to have most knowledge, as "Indians with a thin veneer." Luxburg however, stuck to Irigoyen; for wasn't Irigoyen willing to make a secret deal with Germany to keep Argentine vessels off the high seas as Germany might dictate, and wasn't Irigoyen working for a secret treaty with Chile and Bolivia inimical to the United States and, therefore, in the interest of Germany?

The newspaper La Union, that disinterested protagonist of Prussian neutrality, is reported to have received attention at the hands of Argentine patriots. It previously had received attention at the hands of Count Karl von Luxburg, who recommended that Berlin grant it "a substantial subvention, about 10,000 pesos monthly."

No Snap Judgment!

(From the New York Herald)

Politicians—Governors and others—who are looking at the prohibition issue solely from the standpoint of the band wagon and their own aspirations need to be warned that the public has a right to expect and does expect fair play. Any attempt to "railroad" a ratification of the pending amendment through legislatures elected on other issues is bound to prove a boomerang to those responsible for it. Nothing could be more unjust than a legislative snap judgment upon a question that so directly involves individual rights.

The people of each state have a right to express their views upon the prohibition question in advance of action by the Legislature and the right to expect that the Legislature will accurately reflect the majority sentiment. Any other method would be dishonest.

To attempt any change in the constitution when the country is at war is unwise, unfair and unfortunate and sets a dangerous precedent. There should be no vote by any Legislature on this prohibition amendment until peace comes. There should be no vote then until after the people of each state at an election have had fullest opportunity to make clear their wishes.

Notice to that effect should be served at once upon all politicians, great and small.

The Exempted Cider

(From the Boston Herald)

The Springfield Republican makes an astounding suggestion—one that is bound to come with staggering force to its trusting rural readers. It is no less a suggestion than that the Massachusetts Legislature ought to place a check on the sale of hard cider in this commonwealth. There is courage for you. Undoubtedly there is merit in the suggestion, but the point of it is that the farmers of New England, staunch advocates of bone-dry prohibition for the cities, have invariably resented and successfully resisted any legal attempts to deprive them of their cider.

It is all very well to point out, as the Republican does, that cider is one of the most demoralizing factors that enter into the life of our rural communities, that it causes no end of crime and that it makes many hired men, not to mention others, worse than worthless for days at a time. But the farmer must have the privilege of making cider for himself and friends, and the Berkshire community to which the Republican points, where a hundred barrels have been made this fall in a radius of two miles, is no exception in northern New England or New York.

Mind you, the Republican does not venture a suggestion that the farmer be denied the privilege of making cider. That would be far too revolutionary to think of, though hard cider is far more intoxicating than the beer and wine that comes under the proposed ban of national prohibition. It simply suggests that this state follow New York in forbidding farmers to sell hard cider without a license.

Even Maine, the prohibition pioneer and the bone-dryest area of this part of the Union, makes an exception in favor of cider. That exemption was all that got prohibition into the Maine constitution or keeps it there. The much discussed amendment to the Maine constitution reads, "The manufacture of intoxicating liquors, not including cider, and the sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors, are and shall be forever prohibited." Is that sincere or consistent prohibition? The farmer winks cheerfully and points out that, in theory, all the cider is made to be kept until it is vinegar—a very comfortable theory for him and his friends when winter evenings are long or when the haying season is busy.

If a Maine farmer sells hard cider in such an open way that his premises become a public nuisance or a tipping shop, he is liable to get into trouble with the law, but since there is absolutely no limit or restriction on the manufacture of cider by anyone who has an orchard or can buy apples there is naturally small occasion for buying or selling it. It is almost as free as water in any country town of northern New England, and not a county but has its records of hard cider murders. Yet what chance would national prohibition have, or what chance would prohibition have in some of our states now "dry," if cider were put under the ban with other equally, or less, intoxicating liquors?

If you want work let The Herald get a job for you.

TOLD GERMANS HAVE INVADIED UNITED STATES

Teuton Prisoners Tell Americans That This Report Was Circulated in the German Army.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—That Germany, in an effort to strengthen the morale of her soldiers in the trenches, is circulating the report that the Imperial army has invaded the United States, captured New York and is marching on to Washington, is the information given by several German prisoners to Baltimore boys in France.

PEOPLES' OPINIONS.

A Kick From Kittery

I wish to call the attention of the street department and the Chamber of Commerce of Portsmouth to the condition of the approach to the Atlantic Shore Railway ferry on Cores street. A number of people have been injured by falling there owing to no protection in that public place. Sand especially, is the last thing thought of. I wish to state for a fact that there are people in this town who will not go to Portsmouth to trade on account of these conditions. Can Portsmouth afford to let business go from the city because a public place is so dangerous? It's time somebody woke up.

KITTERY BUSINESS MAN.

Defends Kittery Fire Alarm
Kittery 2 Dec. 4, 1917
Defends Kittery Fire Alarm

Once more General Grouch gives his time to the fire alarm whistle because it was used in the noble purpose of announcing daily the number of members added to the Red Cross. Perhaps if the town would remain the same for the next fifty years as it has in the same period for the past, the General and several other "old fogies" would be happy. But Kittery is up and coming and the days have passed when the advancement was retarded by a certain few who were satisfied to live in the woods and who had never paid a nickel fare to get out of the place. Very likely there are some who do not want a fire department or a fire whistle until they suffer some loss by fire, then they are heard in a great howl for improvements and protection if such can be obtained by some act of charity.

A PROGRESSIVE RESIDENT.

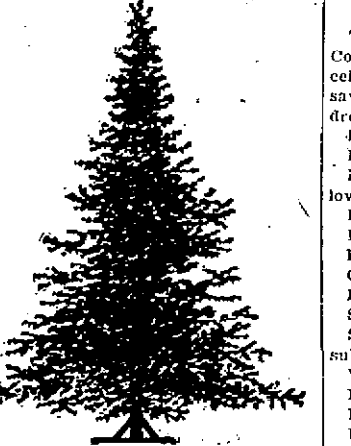
NAVY YARD NOTES

Only a Few Will Work
The local yard will observe Christmas day and no work will be carried out in the departments except that which is urgent.

3235 Now Working.
The steady increase of employees on the yard has reached 3235 and continued calls will soon bring it up to the 3000 mark.

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Thirty-five general helpers were re-

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quired by the supply department today.

Returned to Duty.
Amos Rundlett, material clerk in the Industrial Department, has returned to duty after a week's illness.

A Handsome Craft.
The six-masted schooner Wyoming one of the largest to enter this port, is at the yard with a cargo of 5000 tons of coal. The vessel draws 23 feet of water and is certainly a handsome craft. She has a capacity of 6000 tons.

Doing Well With the Fund.
Up to Saturday the sum of \$340 had been contributed to the Red Cross fund by the employees of the several shops of the local yards. Considerable more was added today, the end of the period in which membership is sought.

Wrist Watch for Jerry.
Jeremiah D. Crowley, one of the alternates in the last conscript quota, who is due for the next contingent from this district, was recently presented with a handsome wrist watch by the clerical force in the Industrial Department.

A CHILD THAT MIGHT BE FORGOT

The call of the season's sounding
The day of the flowing heart,
And with spirits high and bounding,
We swing through the glowing mart.
The claims of those that are nearest
Make happy, indeed, our lot;
But a thought, for the sake of our dearest,
Of a child that might be forgot.

The creed of the hour is singing
The song of the broadest love,
Its notes it is nobly flinging
To the far white throne above;
But a magic morn of December
Will grave a holier spot,
If we in our joy remember
A child that might be forgot.

Greener the green of our holly,
Brighter our spangled tree,
If only a simple daisy
Sits on a little one's knee.
And whoever has charge of the anvil
To our credit will enter our jot
And will pause long enough to applaud it
That the child just wasn't forgot.

CHILDREN'S SLOGANS FOR FOOD SAVING

The woman's committee of the Council of National Defense is in receipt of the following slogan for food saving originated by a group of children competing for a prize:
Be sunny with food.
Peel thin and win.
Not that we love food less, but we love liberty more.
Be a conservative bee.
Bread and buns will beat the Hun.
Fill all cans but garbage cans.
Can until you can't.
Every spud is a bullet.
Save bacon until Berlin is taken.
Save navy beans—twice sink the submarines.
Wise wives won't waste.
Kill Kaiserism in the kitchen.
Every Hoover helps Hoover.
Eat fish—a good war dish.
The nation beats that saves the eats.
Pleekle and can for Uncle Sam.
The kitchen is your fort.
Throw away your frying pan—bake bread and boil all you can.

California has but two species of native trees that are normally of weeping habit. One is Quercus lobata, the valley oak, having its most southerly range near Burbank. The other is Picea Breweriana, the weeping spruce, which is found in a few isolated mountainous sections in the northwestern corner of the state.

BURROUGHS' SPEECH ON PROHIBITION

Representative Sherman E. Burroughs' maiden speech in congress in support of prohibition was expected. The junior congressman said that he was elected on the prohibition platform last May from a district that contained more saloons, and breweries than any district in New England north of Boston, but that the people of New Hampshire and especially of his district are against the saloon and want it cleaned out. Mr. Burroughs was the only congressman from any New England state to talk for the "drys."

All the members from New Hampshire both in the senate and house, have voted in favor of national prohibition.

DEFECTIVES MADE SOUND SOLDIERS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Eleven men who otherwise would have been unable to do military service, on account of slight physical defects, were made fit at one station of the Public Health Service last week. All have since been accepted by the recruiting officers.

COAL SHORTAGE HOLDS STEAMERS

Portland, Dec. 23.—Half a dozen big trans-Atlantic ships are tied up at the Grand Trunk docks through inability to supply them with bunker coal.

So serious is the situation that a conference was held yesterday in Mayor Clarke's office, attended by Senator Frederick Hale, Mayor Clark, State Fuel Administrator James C. Mendenhall, Hon. Nathan Clifford, Executive Secretary W. B. Moore of the Chamber of Commerce and Geo. Feecey of the chamber, to plan relief so that the ships may clear for their various ports.

A telegram was sent to the navy department by Mr. Hamler asking that the navy department which is supposed to look after the coal supply of foreign ships in harbor or at dock awaiting clearance should handle the situation.

Sentinel Hale also got in touch with the navy department and within a day or two enough bunker coal to clear the ship is expected.

At the conference it was brought out that 5000 tons of bunker coal on hand at all times at this port would take care of trans-Atlantic shipping, and such a supply will be maintained if it is possible.

Many other steamers are known to be headed toward this port and every effort will now be made to have bunker coal enough to supply them when they arrive. The steamers at the docks now will be supplied just as soon as the navy department can act.

The freight terminal is badly congested because the ship's awaiting bunker coal cannot take more freight, but if the coal supply comes within 48 hours the docks can be cleared for the incoming steamers.

James Fries, formerly of Portland, Me., who is working in a Quebec logging camp, traveled more than 500 miles to see that his questionnaire was filled out properly.

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F. W. JOHNSON DIES AT CONCORD

Was General Agent at Boston and Maine Station for 17 Years.

Concord, Dec. 23.—F. W. Johnson, for 17 years general agent of the local passenger station, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Byron H. Quimby, 79 Clinton street, late yesterday afternoon, after a lingering illness. He had been an employee of the Concord and Montreal and the Boston and Maine railroad for 44 years, having entered the service as a freight brakeman in June, 1873. A year later he was made a passenger brakeman and in 1879 was promoted to passenger conductor on the White Mountain division, making his home in Woodsville, September 15, 1906, he assumed his duties as the general agent in this city.

COUPLE TAKEN TO DOVER, N. H.
 Lowell, Dec. 23.—Sydney Allen, 33, and Miss James Hassan, 19, were

taken to Dover, N. H., by an officer Friday night. The Dover officer told the Lowell police a serious charge will be made against Allen.

SOUTH ELIOT.

A patriotic entertainment was given at Epworth hall, South Eliot, on Friday evening, Dec. 21, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The program was as follows: Piano duet, Misses Irma and Lillian Spinnay; address, Judge J. H. Adams; patriotic song, Messrs. Knight and Staples; temperance recitations, Elizabeth Davis; piano solo, Clyde Staples; reading of war poems, Asst. Paymaster Harvey Knight, U. S. N.; patriotic song, Messrs. Knight and Staples.

This entertainment was one of the best of the many good entertainments given by the Union, and each member was received with applause. The audience was especially pleased to listen to Judge Adams of Portsmouth, who spoke on the life and work of Lincoln. Mr. Adams was an Eliot man and his many friends in the town are always glad to welcome him and are proud of his ability as an orator.

Our variety of fancy boxes is complete and our broken and Christmas candy is the same reliable kind we always sell. Dora Store.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. F. S. Towle and wife are spending the holiday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Carter were recent visitors in Concord, N. H.

Lieut. Brown, U. S. N., will spend the holiday with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn T. Hopkins left today for Eppingham to pass Christmas.

Harkin Willis of Boston is passing the holiday with his parents in South Eliot.

Mrs. Ralph Eaton of Shirley, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Samuel G. Peyster.

Miss Annie Clough of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Bullard of New Castle.

William Leahy has arrived from Lancaster to pass the holiday recess with his parents.

Charles Mannagan of Phillips Exeter is passing the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Jack Stillaber of New Hampshire College is with his parents for the Christmas vacation.

Forest Knowles of the clerical force at the postoffice passed Sunday at his home in Hampton.

Mr. John Griffin of New York is home for the Christmas holidays with his family on State street.

Mrs. Frederick Mayes of Philadelphia has arrived home to spend Christmas with relatives here.

Mrs. D. J. Leahy of Willard avenue who has been seriously ill at the Portsmouth hospital is improving.

Miss Constance Sheridan of Brighton, Mass., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Griffin of State street.

Miss Fannie C. Chapman of Greenland, is passing the Christmas holidays with friends in Rutland, Vt.

Second Lieut. Ralph G. McCarthy of Camp Upton is passing a holiday fortnight at his home in this city.

Mr. Edward Donovan of the internal revenue office force is passing the holidays with his parents in Concord.

Miss Annie Knight, a teacher at the Cabot street school, is passing the Christmas holidays with friends in Lynn.

Miss Teresa Jones of Lynn is spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jones of Brewster street.

W. E. Higgins of the Texas Ship Building Co., Bath, Me., is spending the holiday vacation with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Spinnay are in Lawrence, Mass., where they will pass Christmas with their son, Clifford Spinnay.

Mr. George McPheters came home Saturday and he is now confined at his father's home on Union street with illness.

Miss Marguerite Ducker of Bryant Stratton college, Boston, is passing the holiday vacation at her home in this city.

Louis Drelich of New Hampshire college has arrived home and joined the exert force of clerks and carriers at the postoffice.

Miss Martha Newton of Mt. Holyoke college has arrived to pass the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Newton.

Miss Agnes Collins and Miss Frances O'Brien of the internal revenue office are passing the holidays at their homes in Concord.

The Misses Margaret and Mary Stone of Portland are spending their vacation with Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of Thornton street.

Mrs. Jos. Hermann of Middle street is passing the Christmas holidays in Boston with her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Andrews of Manchester.

Miss Eleanor Mitchell of Wesley college is passing the holiday recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mitchell of Cabot street.

Miss Hazelle G. Cate, the domestic science teacher at the high school, is passing her Christmas vacation with her relatives in Haverhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Barr of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, arrived Sunday evening to pass Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paisley and family of New Bedford, Mass., are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt and family of State street.

Ensign Austin MacCormack, U. S. N., and bride, have returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence with Lieut. Commander Osborne.

Herbert Harrington who has been attending Norwich Military University is passing the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Harrington of Dennett street.

Mr. Ellsworth Thayer, who has been in Boston for several weeks after in operation, returned home Friday evening, and he has so improved that he is able to walk about some.

Mrs. Harry Magg and sister, Miss Margaret Doolan arrived home from New York on Sunday where they went to meet the body of their sister, Mrs. Charles Roche, who died in Panama.

The news that Chester Conlon, lieutenant in the regular army, is being at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is seriously ill with pneumonia, was received by his father, William I. Conlon, and his sister, Mrs. W. F. Pierce, on Saturday afternoon.

They left on the evening train for Fort Leavenworth which is about fifty hours journey. Lieut. Conlon has been at the Fort for several weeks in training having passed an examination for second lieutenant in the army.

Mrs. William Norris and two daughters are visiting Miss Elizabeth Norris.

Mrs. E. H. Baker has returned from a visit with relatives in Boston.

Miss Edna Boyd of Simmons College is home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Currier of Everett, Mass., is passing the holiday with friends here.

Frank Preston of Jamaica is passing the holiday at her old home in this city.

W. Herman Sides of New York is here to pass the holiday with his children.

Supt. H. N. Douglas of the ship building plant is at Bath for the holidays.

Miss Agnes C. Butler, Yeoman on the yard, is passing the holiday at her home.

Mr. Warren Willis, U. S. M. C., is spending the holiday with relatives in Maine.

George Wendell of the Portsmouth company is home called by the death of his father.

Corporal Frank Messner, U. S. M. C., is passing the holiday at his home in Rochester, N. Y.

Harry Perkins, messenger in the commandant's office, is passing the holiday in Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson of Wild street are passing the holidays at the former's home in Portland.

John W. Bartlett of the ship building plant is passing the holiday with his family at Lynnfield Center, Mass.

Sergeant Walter O. Jackson, U. S. M. C., of the prison detachment, has been promoted to first sergeant.

Miss Celia A. Ingraham of South Ryegate, Vt., is visiting Mrs. Herbert H. Pettigrew on Greenland road.

Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie of Boston is passing the holiday with her parents, William Gibson of Lincoln avenue.

Willis H. Hoyt of Camp Devens is passing the holiday with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Young.

Louis Sarote, a member of the national army at Ayer, is passing the holidays with his parents in this city.

Miss Mary Sheldon of Richards avenue was removed to the Portsmouth hospital this morning for a surgical operation.

Ralph Wood of Toledo, Ohio arrived Sunday evening to pass the holiday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Greene arrived on Saturday to pass Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Smith of Broad street.

A telegram this morning from Fort Leavenworth announced that Lieut. Chester Conlon had passed the crisis and was better.

W. M. Temple of the Adams drug store is recovering from a few days' illness. His many friends hope to see him out shortly.

Former City Treasurer John C. Bachelier and wife of Leominster, Mass., is passing the holiday at their former home here.

John M. Cotton of New Hampshire college arrived home on Saturday to pass three holiday recess with his parents on Tanner street.

Mrs. Fogg, wife of Civil Engineer Fogg, U. S. N., gives a dinner party this evening in honor of Ensign and Mrs. MacCormack at the navy yard.

Thomas M. Jensen, U. S. Engineer, has been appointed major in the Quartermaster's Department, by President Wilson. He married a Portsmouth girl, Miss Bradford.

SEEKS OWNER OF RUNAWAY HORSE

A runaway horse with a part of a sleigh still attached to him, ran into the stable of Ira Whidden on Echo Avenue last evening. The horse had evidently run a considerable distance and was badly exhausted when found by Mr. Whidden. He took care of the animal and notified the police, but up to midnight no trace of the owner or where the runaway occurred had been found.

RAILROAD NOTES

A new side track for the use of the Newmarket Manufacturing Company is being put in at the plant in Newmarket.

Several of the through passenger trains on the B. and M. road will be run in sections tonight and Tuesday.

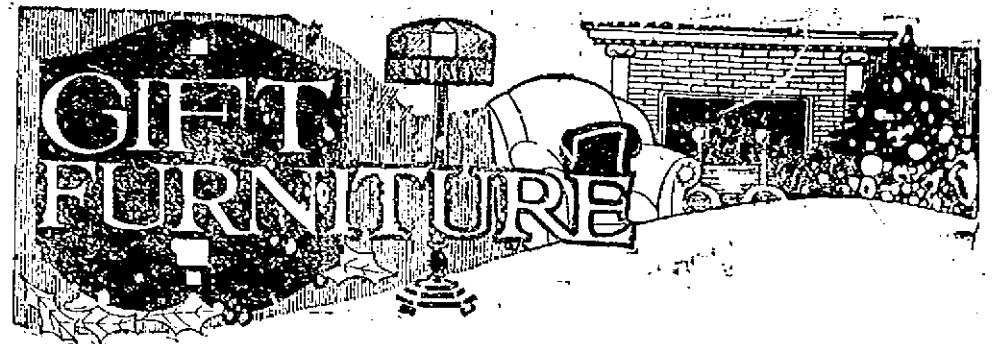
Clinton H. Durrant of Hampton, a former rural mail carrier, has taken a position as conductor on the Portsmouth Electric Railway.

The shopping period of the past week has brought good business to the electric lines on both sides of the river.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Dec. 24.—At the Congregational church on Sunday Rev. Wallace H. Sterns preached an excellent Christmas sermon. A service flag was unveiled and it contains four stars in honor of Rudley Lindsey, Albert T. Brown, Howard Hobbs and Dean Merrill, young men from the church who have gone to the army.

Mrs. William Norris and two daughters are visiting Miss Elizabeth Norris.



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GERMAN MASSES STARVING

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 23.—According to a Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam, Von Wierwille of Berlin, in a plain spoken attack on the system of Herr von Falkow, German Food Controller, says great masses of German people not only are hungry, but are literally starving. The newspaper adds that agricultural producers and wealthy residents in towns are living in plenty, as hoarding is no longer prohibited.

naire," says the paper, "has his kitchen and cellar full of ham and bacon. The middle class ekes out a precarious existence, spending all it possesses on food, but forty millions of the masses are starving and are unlikely to sit still."

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ANNUAL MEETING B. & M. R. R. AUXILIARY, O. R. C.

At the annual meeting of Boston and Maine Division No. 814, Ladies' Auxiliary to Order of Railway Conductors of America, held in Boston, Mrs. Fred Shippleigh of this city was unanimously elected correspondent for the coming year.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Mrs. Florence W. Jenness will be held from the home on the South Road, Rye Beach, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Friends invited.



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FRENCH FIELD GUNS SUPERIOR TO GERMANS

French Front, Dec. 23.—German artillerymen have not been able, in spite of all their efforts, to invent a field-gun which in any way approaches the French field-gun in accuracy of aim or rapidity of fire. Since the beginning of the war, however, they have greatly improved their three-inch gun and have increased its range by extending the length of the tube and fixing it on a four-inch howitzer gun-carriage, which gives it an extreme carrying distance of nearly six miles. Its most effective range is still only between two and a half and three and three quarter miles.

In making these improvements, the German gunners have decreased the efficiency of the field-gun at the shorter ranges, since the longer barrel causes the piece to heat more rapidly than the old model and thus prevents the battery from maintaining quick fire for more than a short period.

The shells fired by these guns are of five varieties, each battery being furnished with supplies of all of them for use according to circumstances. The various shells are:

The long explosive concussion shell. The long explosive shell with an instantaneous fuse formed of an aluminum bar an inch-and-a-half in length which is inserted in the end of the projectile just before it is fired and causes the shell to burst at the slightest obstacle.

The ordinary short shell with a delayed time fuse.

The ordinary short explosive time-fuse shell.

The shrapnel shell. The shells most generally employed are those of the ordinary explosive kind and shrapnel. All shells are now provided with a driving band made of an alloy as the supply of copper in Germany has become short.

DRYS OBJECT PERSHING ORDER

Washington, Dec. 23.—Gen. "Black Jack" Pershing opened up the possibilities of a red hot controversy when, in seeking to restrain soldiers from indulging in vice, he permitted them the use of wine and beer.

His recent orders put a decided curb on indulgence. He held out the restraining influence of punishment for any soldier in France partaking of "hard liquor," but he excepted the use of the lighter intoxicants.

Shall Fighters Have Liquor? As a result the whole subject of liquor for fighters, both in the army and navy, is destined to get a vigorous discussion. Anti-saloon leagues will doubtless try to force an issue, while the moderates will advocate Pershing's ruling and try to extend it to this country as a whole.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said tonight that his no-booze regulations for the navy stand, although machines in the Pershing force under army control are subject to Pershing's orders.

But no wine mess aboard ship or in shore stations will be permitted and only the President and secretary have the power to alter this.

Gen. Pershing on the other hand, had full power to take the course he did.

—Did Not Consult Baker

Apparently he acted without consulting Secretary of War Baker, for Mr. Baker said today that he had "no official" advice. The secretary refused to talk of the situation in any way, although it was suggested that his approval or disapproval would eventually be asked by the country.

Army men differ as to the wisdom of the Pershing exception. They agree that his desire to limit vice is entirely commendable, but many officers openly declare that a wine or "grog" ration is almost essential to men in the trenches. Others say it is unwise to give men such stimulants, even though Great Britain and France provide them mornings before their men go over the top into battle.

HEAD OF SECRET SERVICE RESIGNS

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 23.—Reports that William J. Flynn, chief of the Secret Service of the United States for twenty years, would be Police Commissioner under Mayor Hylan were made practically certain last night when Mr. Flynn admitted that he had resigned and had telegraphed to Washington that his resignation must be accepted. At the Astor Hotel he stated that he had presented his resignation a month ago. He was in conference with Judge Hylan on Friday.

Since the war began, Mr. Flynn has had the burden of most of the work of the Department of Justice, in addition to handling the Secret Service of the nation. His latest exploit was the unearthing of a plot to plant a tremendous issue of counterfeit notes and the arrest of several of the alleged counterfeiters.

Under the stress of the burdens imposed on him, his physical condition has been undermined to such an extent that his physician advised that he resign his post. A month ago he offered formal resignation, which the government refused to accept on account of the value of his services under war-time conditions.

CRIME SHOWS INCREASE IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 23.—All sorts of crimes and assaults have shown a marked increase in New York city since the United States entered the war, was the report of Police Commissioner Wood. The majority of cases were against property, owing to its increased value.

Read the Want Ads.

WILL ADD NEW COURSES

Three New Agricultural War Courses to Be Introduced at N. H. State College.

New Hampshire College, Durham, Dec. 22.—The faculty has just decided to introduce into the curriculum three new agricultural courses which will be popularly known as the Agricultural War Courses. They are to be Agronomy 102, Horticulture 102 and Horticulture 104, and are for the special training of students who expect to engage in some form of war gardening this spring. Last year the college sent out nearly 300 men to engage in agricultural work to help in food production and many of them were leaders in various community, factory and home garden enterprises. This year, with these war courses, the college hopes to give these men special training. The word man is used generically because the courses are open to women and it is expected many women will take them.

The first course, that in Agronomy, has to do with staple crops and fertilizers. This will deal exclusively with the growing of potatoes, beans and sweet corn, including selection of seed, planting, methods of culture, spraying and harvesting. The matter of commercial fertilizers and farm manures will be discussed from the standpoint of the present war situation.

In Horticulture 102, the subject is "War Gardening." It will deal with the planning and operation of the community, school, home and factory garden. It will include a study of sites and soils, fertilizers and manures for gardens, planning the garden, kinds and varieties of vegetables to grow in this state, how to grow the plants, and the storage of the vegetables in the fall.

Horticulture 104 is to be devoted to practical fruit growing. It is designed with it to meet the needs of supervisors of gardens whose duties will also include some work with orchards. It will treat the subjects of pruning, spraying, grafting, a study of small fruits and their culture, together with the storage of fruits for winter use. The last week of the subject will be devoted to the study of beekeeping, which is designed to stimulate the greater production of honey in the state.

These subjects will be given three hours a week for five or six weeks and the student who takes them will be credited with one college hour. The lecturers will probably be given late in the afternoon.

Dean F. W. Taylor of the agricultural division is now making arrangements for the five weeks dairy course which is offered this winter, as usual, here. This will be the twenty-third year that the five weeks dairy course has been given and some of the best and most successful dairymen in the state have gathered some of their training here.

It is designed, first for buttermakers, and second for dairymen and milk producers. The principal subjects taught are buttermaking, milk testing, market milk, dairy bacteriology, breeds of dairy cattle, dairy feeds and principles of feeding, diseases of dairy cattle. The expenses of the course should not exceed a total of \$50. for the five weeks.

Professor Taylor believes that the war, with its draft and consequent shortage of labor has opened many positions for men with training and experience in dairy work, and that the course this year will offer all who can avail themselves of it an unusual opportunity.

ALLIES READY TO MEET THE GERMAN DRIVE

London, Dec. 23.—Rumors of peace, coupled with the expectation of the heaviest blow of the war, Russian opposition to the Bolsheviks and desperate fighting in Italy have been the features of the week. Fears of a great offensive in the west caused a gloomy feeling, which was dispelled by Lloyd George's reassuring statements of the power of the Allies to resist. The Premier's speech merely put into words one of the great lessons of the war, which is that strength really lies with the defensive.

This inevitably betokens a long war, barring internal revolution in Germany, in spite of the Kaiser's peace feelers. If the statement that Germany would abide by a plebiscite in Alsace-Lorraine and retire from Belgium and Northern France after rehabilitating those regions with money to be paid for a waiver of all

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rights in her lost African colonies be correct; it is a long way ahead of anything Germany has yet been willing to concede.

Germany Prepares Blow

It is believed here that Germany really desires peace and would consider it getting off cheaply if the feelers put forward were realized, but that she knows this is impossible and is preparing to strike as hard as she can in the west while still maintaining her offensive in Italy.

Knowledge of the tremendous force America will put in the field next spring and the impending release of men from Russia for use elsewhere are arguments that are almost certain to cause Berlin to decide on a winter campaign to be prosecuted with the utmost vigor. An additional reason is the food shortage at home on account of which the socialist organ of Berlin, Vorwarts, dares to threaten a collapse "like that in Russia." This drive is likely to be undertaken in the opinion of most of the military circles here, but their apprehensions of its results are today quite in contrast to the gloomy forebodings of two weeks ago. In the first place, Germany is not likely to get from Russia many more men than she has already transferred. It would be folly to deplete the line further, because Berlin knows only too well that no reliance is to be placed on treacherous men like Lenin and Trotsky.

Peace With Russia Hangs Fire

Peace negotiations with the Central Powers, after the signing of an armistice last Saturday, are hanging fire and many things may happen before January 14, when the armistice ends. There is the Ukraine rebellion in the south, for instance, where a population of 25,000,000 people, and such great centers as Odessa, Kiev, Kharkoff, Poltava and Kharkoff have pronounced against Lenin and are openly allied with General Kaledines and the Don Cossacks, who in the capture of Rostoff delivered a stinging blow to Bolshevik rule.

There is doubt also concerning the immense supplies of food Germany can receive from Russia. Only a few weeks ago there was a complaint that the Russians themselves were in want of food owing to neglected harvest and the disorganization of railroad facilities.

Even should peace be concluded and all the German troops on the Russian front be transferred to the west, it is not likely that they could break through the allied lines and reach either Calais or Paris. The chief result would be another slaughter like that at Verdun, which Germany can ill afford now.

There are said to be 154 divisions of German troops in the west. Allowing about 14,000 men to a division, which is more than most military critics admit, this would give a total of 1,956,000 men. The British and French have had at least 3,000,000. With 2,000,000 men from Russia the Allies' forces would be inferior to the Teutons in the proportion of three to four, but quite sufficient for a successful defense.

It is the consensus here that the French front will be the one attacked. The blow is likely to fall either between Rheims and Verdun or on the eastern front in the Vosges, with the majority of opinion favoring the former. A winter campaign in the mountains, already choked by snow which began to fall last Sunday, is considered out of the question.

Italy's Defence.

Winter in Italy threatens to defeat the German boasts of a decision of the war on the Venetian plains. The advance of the Teutons through the northern wall of mountains has slowed up considerably this week had although they are almost in sight of the promised land and their heavy guns can reach Bassano, on the Brenta, about eight miles below Valsugana, it is doubtful whether they can push their positions beyond the mountain defences.

Attacks on the lower Piave are regarded as a feint. Austro-German forces have been gradually transferred from the Piave to the northern front between the upper Piave and the Asiago Plateau. This increased force has succeeded in battering its way partly through the passes, taking Monte Asolone last Tuesday.

This mountain, north of the bend of the Brenta at Voltagna, lies north-west of Mount Grappa, the key to the whole position, and a railway on the left bank of the river feeds the Italian positions in front. Reinforcements have been sent up this line during the week, and the official report from Rome, published this morning, stated that the Italians had regained a considerable portion of the ground taken by the Teutons.

MOTOR REPAIR MEN NEEDED IN ARMY

Applicants for commissions in the newly organized repair division of the United States Army which will take care of all army trucks and airplanes in the service abroad will be examined by a special board which will be at the Packard Motor Company plant, Boston on January 5, 9 and 10. The sessions will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 10:30.

The motor company, in order to facilitate the handling of the examinations and to make certain that all eligible motor mechanic foremen and other experts qualified for commissions may be met and rated during the Boston session, has notified every automobile dealer in this territory of the time, place and purpose of the officers' board meetings.

ATTEMPT TO RESTORE FORMER EMPEROR

Peking, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—General Chang Hsun, the monarchist leader who endeavored to put the Manchukuo emperor, Hsuan, back on the throne and is now a refugee in the Netherlands, will probably be sent to Reunion Island, a French possession off the east coast of Madagascar. The entire diplomatic body has considered the disposition to be made of General Chang Hsun several times, and after conference with Chinese officials, virtually decided to send him to some distant island.

Premier Tuan Chi-jui and the leaders who are now in power, have been somewhat non-committal when asked what their pleasure was concerning the monarchist leader. They did not care to have Chang Hsun turned over to the Chinese government as such a step might necessitate his execution and create a political disturbance.

It is impossible for the foreign legations to keep Chang Hsun and the other monarchist refugees within their small legation compounds for an indefinite time. Their lives would probably not be safe in any part of China consequently the diplomatic body seems likely to accept the offer of the French government to give Chang Hsun refuge on Reunion Island.

FRANCIS SHOWS PROPER NERVE

New York, Dec. 23.—How David R. Francis, American ambassador at Petrograd, overcame a great crowd of Bolsheviks who swarmed at the entrance to his residence and threatened to wreck the embassy, because they had heard that the United States government was about to execute "Comrade Muni" was told today by Charles R. Crane of the Root commission.

The embassy occurred after Lenin had established himself at the palace, but before he had completely overthrown Kerensky. In some mysterious manner a huge legend had accumulated about the "Muni" case, and the United States was being attacked from street corners because it was about to make an Italian radical called "Muni" the victim of a judicial murder.

"Muni" Unknown to Francis. The case of "Muni" was naturally unknown at the time to the American ambassador, as interest in the trial of Thomas J. Mooney for the alleged explosion of a bomb at the preparedness parade in San Francisco had been slight.

The Bolsheviks, with New York radicals among their leaders, got strange versions of the affair. Italian agitators in Petrograd appropriated Mooney for their fellow-countryman on phonetic grounds, and American agitators concocted "Muni" to the Italians, some of whom are very influential with Petrograd mobs.

Mr. Crane said: "This news of the persecution of 'Muni' was made the subject of a very violent discussion from the Lenin palace and an Italian agitator, so influenced the crowd that when he proposed that they should go and ele, and the American embassy he was able to gather a great following of what was known as the Black Flag group."

"The government, which felt itself very impotent, telephoned to the ambassador that the situation was serious and that they could not protect him. The ambassador was having a dinner party at the time and the guests, on receiving the news, immediately arose to leave the embassy. They begged the ambassador to come along with them."

Got Revolver Ready. Instead of leaving the embassy, the ambassador had his servant load his revolver.

"A little later cries of the approaching procession could be heard. The ambassador stationed himself at the door. In a few minutes the head of the procession arrived and pushed the door in. The ambassador, with his revolver in his hand, stopped the leaders, saying:

"Stop, what's the matter?" "Your government is about to execute our comrade Muni" said a leader.

"The ambassador said: 'I don't know anything about this matter.'"

"The leader of the mob ordered him out of the way and insisted that they were going to clean out the embassy. The ambassador said: "Stop, this is not Russia. This is American soil. You can't put your foot in here. This is American soil and I will kill the first man to cross the threshold. Now, get out," and they did."

"The next morning a procession in favor of the ambassador began to form in different parts of the city and to march to the embassy."

CANADA PUTS BAN ON LIQUOR

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—Importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada after Monday next is prohibited, and their manufacture will be prohibited after a date to be determined later, Premier Borden officially announced today.

The Premier said there would be an investigation and consideration of the

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HOW GENERAL PERSHING BECAME SOLDIER

His Original Purpose Was to Be a Teacher.

(By Associated Press)
Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 23.—It was a newspaper story that diverted John J. Pershing from his purpose to become a school teacher and started him upon his military career which led to his appointment as general in the United States Army and Commander of the American Expeditionary Force in France. The story is told by General Pershing's sisters, Mrs. Butler and Miss May Pershing, who are residents of Lincoln and who have given to the Associated Press intimate views of Pershing's character in his youthful days.

It was while Pershing and his sister, now Mrs. Butler, were attending the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., that his attention was one day called to a newspaper announcement that examinations were to be held for appointment to the West Point Military Academy. Young Pershing asked his sister's advice as to whether he should try for the appointment and she advised him to do so. Then followed a short season of intensive study in preparation.

In a few days he was called before the examining board and, although improperly prepared, received the highest mark among the contestants and soon afterward was notified of his appointment. Up to this time his action had been a secret between his sister and himself and it remained so until he was ready to start for West Point. On his way to the military academy he stopped off at the home of his parents and for the first time told them they were to have a soldier in the family.

As a boy, General Pershing, his sisters say, was of a quiet, serious temperament, assuming, as the oldest of six children, much of the responsibilities of the family. He was wont, during his early years which were spent in La Crosse, Mo., his birthplace, to manage one of the several farms operated by his father, John P. Pershing, a merchant and farmer of La Crosse.

"John," Mrs. Butler said, "although of a quiet disposition, liked a good time and enjoyed fun as much as anyone. Yet when he started anything he wanted to get the result and he generally attained that object before he gave it up."

While at the normal school at Kirksville, he was always in the center of student activities and never was content to be merely one of the crowd.

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but wanted to be head of the movement. His personal magnetism and generally likeable character quickly won him friends and supporters and soon he became one of the student leaders.

After having been graduated from West Point and having served with General Miles in a campaign in New Mexico against the Indian chief Geronimo, Pershing was stationed as military instructor at the University of Nebraska. His friends there remember him as a fun-loving young man who enjoyed music and dancing, parties and other social activities and who appreciated a good joke.

"Old Jack Best," the veteran trainer at the University, remembers Pershing intimately. "He was the finest man that I ever worked with," said Best. "It's true he was mighty strict with his work but the results he got were so good that everybody he worked with loved him for it. When he was here we had a regiment the University could be proud of. I just worshipped that man and everybody around the University felt the same about him. If any of you newspaper men get a chance to tell it to him, you just say that old Jack wishes him the best luck in the world and that he hopes he will beat the Germans all alone."

"Usually he was mighty dignified in his work but he had a way of getting next to new men," continued Best. "The first time I ever saw him he walked right up to me, slapped me on the shoulder and said, 'Well, Jack, they tell me you got along mighty well with my predecessor. If you did, I am darned sure we'll get along just as well.'"

"The boys at the University got a surprise the first day Pershing drilled them," said Best. "It had been their habit before that time to come to drill with shoes blackened or not, just as they pleased. When Pershing took hold, the first thing he looked at was to see that all shoes were well blackened and that the heels looked as good as the toes. He was just that thorough-going in everything all the time. He was A-1 in every way and you can ask anyone who knew him if that isn't the gospel truth."

Odd as it may seem in a fighting man, General Pershing's one fond, according to his sisters, is gardening. His father was an expert gardener and the taste descended to the military man. Whenever he was on leave, he immediately would don work-day clothes, go into his father's garden, seemingly enjoying the work over the vegetables as much as he enjoyed social activities.

The first time that General Pershing appeared in Chicago and was seen by neighbors, he was clad in overalls and was hard at work in a vegetable garden in the yard behind his father's house in the southside of the city. There was some surprise among the neighbors that a man who then was entitled to wear the uniform and brass buttons of a captain should be willing to put them aside and hoe the garden, but the incident is illuminative of the character of the man upon whom the country relied to lead the American forces to victory against the Germans in Europe.

OUR NEW ARMY OF THE AIR

American aviation units have moved up to stations immediately behind the front in France. The vanguard of the new army of the air for which Congress voted \$640,000,000 last summer is about to join the forces of land and sea in action against the Germans.

The Navy has tripled in size since the war began, and the Army has multiplied itself by thirteen. These are rapid increases. But the first year plans for the Air Service call for an increase of more than a hundredfold.

Last spring the Aviation Corps had less than 200 airplanes of all degrees of serviceability. Now a fleet of 22,000 planes is being built. When war began there were 75 aviators. A force of 10,000 aviators is being trained. The total personnel of the old flying corps, ground workers as well as fliers, was 2,000. The total personnel of the new flying corps is 100,000.

Before any real fighting planes could be turned out a new American industry had to be created. This is the first great task that has been quickly accomplished in the last five months. When the Aircraft Production Board started its work only two companies manufacturing airplanes were in operation in America, and the machines they had been making for the Allies were of a type serviceable only for practice flights.

The first move of the Board was to stop negotiations for the use of existing patents, and to set men at work designing a new airplane engine which should comprise as many of the good points of the different patents as these men cared to use. In a week twenty experts working together had evolved the Liberty Motor, which Secretary Baker has called the greatest achievement of the war so far.

The Liberty Motor is a model of standardization. It is built with four cylinders, or with eight, or with twelve and the same parts are interchangeable for all three of the different sizes. The greatest automobile factories in the world have been provided with the machinery necessary for turning out these motors—the factories that have supplied the United States with 4,000,000 automobiles when all the rest of the world gets along with only 700,000.

It has been necessary all along not to interfere with the supply of raw materials, particularly spruce, and of certain completed airplane parts, to the flying forces of our Allies.

In return for these materials the Allies are giving us the rich benefit of their experience. For months young Americans have been in training for our Air Corps on the flying fields of England and France. On a dozen or more of the new flying fields in America veteran fliers from the Western Front are helping in the preliminary training of our new aviators.

As to whether the war can be won in the air there seem to be two opinions. At any rate the Aviation Section is not leaving any stones unturned.

WOMEN IN THE WAR

London, Dec. 21.—Employment has been found for 1,421,000 women since the war began and there are now 4,766,000 employed in various trades, 770,000 are working on munitions and 620,000 on other government work such as manufacturing clothes and food for the troops, according to a semi-official announcement.

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Read the Want Ads.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 23.—The London papers say that a paper unique and historic will be presented by Great Britain to the United States on Christmas day.

PEACE TERMS MADE KNOWN

(By Associated Press)
Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Brest Litovsk dated Saturday that the peace negotiations were begun in solemn form. Germany represented by Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann and Herr von Rosenberg and Baron von Hock, while there are delegates from Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey and Russia, Prince Leopold the commander in chief of the east front, welcomed the delegates and the Turkish delegate being the senior member, was chairman. The conference organized with the German Foreign Minister as chairman.

A noteworthy fact is that Germany and the other Central Power countries are represented by men well known in the world politics, while the delegates from Russia are unknown.

The chairman suggested that the Russian delegates state the outline of the Russian demands and this was done in a long speech.

A dispatch from Berlin from the Exchange Telegram says that Emperor William has informed his government that he will proceed to Brest-Litovsk in case there is an agreement and that he planned to gather all of the heads of Europe together in a great peace conference. He is credited with saying, "that the whole world wants peace."

BOSTON FIRE IN WAR PLANT

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Dec. 23.—A fire that caused damages estimated at \$100,000 to a five-story store house on 381 Congress street today, is being investigated by the Federal, state and city authorities. The building is in the alien enemy barred zone and the officials admit that it looks like the job of an incendiary. The building is occupied by the Boston Scale Company, which has a war contract for making rifle barrels and the principal damage was to this company. The state officers state that there was munitions stored in the building.

KILLED HIMSELF FROM REMORSE

(By Associated Press)
Wilmington, Vt., Dec. 23.—Harve Baker, a woodsman, shot himself fatally on account of the accidental shooting of Mrs. John Secor in a lumber camp near here. Mrs. Secor who is the wife of the boss of the camp was in her shack with her two babies when Baker, who had been hunting, entered. It is supposed that he was withdrawing a shell from his gun when it went off killing the woman. Baker, frantic with remorse, put the gun to his head and fired a shot from which he died later. He was unable to speak when the officers arrived but indicated by signs that it was an accident.

PROCLAMATION

Fellow citizens:—
I wish to call your attention to the great needs of the Salvation Army. I think we all agree that the army is doing a great deal of good here in our city, and are reaching out to a class that other denominations cannot seem to interest in the higher things of life. Captain W. J. Lawrence in charge of the local work has appealed to me for help. I in turn ask each and every one of you to give as liberal as your circumstances will permit. The amount needed is \$500, and we should nobly subscribe to this good cause. Mr. Alvin Redden of the New Hampshire National Bank has been appointed treasurer and will receive subscriptions.

(Signed) SAMUEL T. LA DD, Mayor.

TRY TO BLOCK RED CROSS

New York, Dec. 24.—Managers of the American Red Cross membership campaign announce that the Federal Department of Justice has been asked to investigate reports of pro-German efforts to interfere with the drive to obtain five hundred thousand members in this city. Impersonation of Red Cross officials seems to be the favorite method, according to Frank Presbury, publicity director of the campaign.

Several times during the week these men have called on the telephone the headquarters of the four-minute men which has been providing speakers for the campaign and, posing as Red Cross officials, have said the help of the four-minute men was not needed, as other arrangements had been made.

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WANT THE HEARING AT A LATER DATE

Cowles' Attorneys Wish Continuance Till January.

Attorneys S. W. Emery of this city and N. E. Martin of Concord, have petitioned the superior court for another date in the Cowles hearing which was set for December 31 in Portsmouth. They request a date in January owing to the Concord attorney being engaged on the Laconia murder case. They appear for Dr. Edward Cowles. The hearing in question is on the petition of Mrs. Cowles for absolute custody of the two children.

FLEEING THE PUBLIC

Fake Soap Agents Busy in Several Places.

The police department has received word that a man and woman representing themselves to be agents of Proctor & Gamble, soap manufacturers, are going through New England, having recently been in Vermont selling soap and premiums. The manufacturers state that they are not connected with the company and sell the soap for less than the wholesale price, offering premiums in addition. The persons collect about a dollar.

A Talk With Santa Claus

Maybe you don't believe in that mythical being, although, if there are young children in the family, you'll never admit it—not to them—but the thought and the spirit of giving, these carry the same sweet pleasures, the same fond expectations as when you too used to watch for the reindeers to come.

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Clerks of draft age employed at the various navy yards throughout the country on Saturday received notice from Secretary Daniels announcing that only a few of the chief clerks and assistants are to be exempt from the draft.

The official letter comes as a surprise to the men, and the majority are disgruntled with the latest ruling regarding their status.

Those who are within the draft law are stenographers, clerks and a number doing mechanical work. Most of the positions in the naval reserves are now closed to them, and they must take their places in the army, if drafted.

The men complain chiefly that when the draft began they were told that because they were in government service they should not enlist in any of the military or naval branches, but remain at the navy yard. They assert by complying with these orders they lost opportunities to obtain higher ratings in the naval reserve or army.

CHRISTMAS DAY MUSIC

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception the Feast of the Nativity will be celebrated with the true Christian spirit of Christmas. The hours of the several masses are 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a. m. A solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30 and the sermon appropriate for the day will be delivered by a member of the Passionists Order from the Brighton Seminary.

The children's choir of 75 voices will render the music at the 8:30 service and the senior choir of twenty voices will give the beautiful composition of Hammerel at 10:30 assisted by the following orchestra: B. A. Widger, first violin; Miss Helen McIntire, second violin; Herman Feuerbach, clarinet; Martin Damm, flute; R. E. Basser, cornet; W. A. Stoffer, bass.

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Sanctus Hammerel
Benedictus Hammerel
Agnus Dei Hammerel
Postlude, Hosanna Wicks Organ and Orchestra

In the evening Latin solemn vespers will be sung at 7:30.
The choir will compose the following: Miss Katherine O'Leary, Mrs. Margaret Hett, Mrs. Jennie Quinn, Miss Mary Phelan, Miss Agnes Mitchell, Miss Elizabeth Corcoran, Miss Nellie Keefe, Miss Lucy Hogan, Miss Madeline Toner, James P. McCarthy, James P. Smith, John B. Whitehead, P. M. Kane, Ralph G. McCarthy, John C. Dolan, William McEvey, Daniel O'Leary, Augustus Tonneman, Joseph Marcous, Wallace Richardson.
Organist, Miss Marion McIntire.
Director, W. W. McIntire.

The Christmas music for the services tomorrow at the Episcopal churches will be as follows:
St. John's Church
Christmas Eve

Cantatas and hymns will be sung by the choir and congregation.
Anthem, "So Silently the Stars Look Down" Spence
Christmas Day
Communion service adapted from Howard's Messe Solemnelle by Clough Lighter will be sung by the choir.
Choir—Miss Borthwick, soprano; Mrs. Outwalt, contralto; Mr. Rowe, tenor; Mr. Humphreys, bass. Assisted by Mr. John Mitchell, tenor soloist; Miss Goodwin, soprano; Miss Weston, alto; Mr. Weston, tenor.
Anthem, The Angels Song Dressler

Christ Church
Christmas Day
Services: 7:30 a. m. Holy Eucharist; 10:30 a. m. Solemn Procession, Holy Eucharist and Sermon.
The music at 10:30 a. m.
Solemn Procession, No. 49
Adeste Fideles
Introit, "Unto Us a Child is Born"
Unto Us a Son is Given

Traditional
Kyrie Adlam
Graduale, "All the Ends of the world have seen the Salvation of our God Alleluia!" Traditional
Sequence, No. 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn
Credo
Offertorium, "Before the heavens were spread abroad, from Everlasting was the Word!" Horatio W. Parker
Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, Hail Utter in Excelsis
Post Communion, "Now is come Salvation and strength and the Kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ"
Processional, No. 56, Christmas, Awake! Salute the happy Morn
Wainwright

SHE WINS A PRIZE

Miss Mattie Oxford of this city was awarded the second prize of \$5 for

one of the Boston Post's short stories. Her story was entitled "The Ships of Happiness."

LOCAL DASHES

More cold weather coming.
The stores were jammed all day today.

Ribbon and broken candy at Paras Bros.
There was a jam at the depot all day.

Kochler trucks, C. E. Woods, Bow street.
Fish of all kinds at Clark's Branch, Tel. 133.

Xmas post cards, \$ for 5 cents, at Pearson's.

The Herald gives you all the news all the time.

Postoffice congestion has been the greatest ever.

There was the usual rush for sugar this morning.

The front soldier boys were home in large numbers.

Quite a number of people enjoyed snowshoeing on Sunday.

Candy cones and Christmas candy at Paras Bros. Tel. 29W.

Quite a number of sailor boys have arrived to pass the holidays here.

Upholsters of antique and modern furniture, Hair mattresses renovated. Margeson Bros., Tel. 570.

Order ice cream for your Christmas dinner at Paras Bros. Tel. 29W. We will deliver at your door.

All day and evening service will be provided by Manager Meloon of the P. D. & Y. for the present.

It is possible that the Christmas vacation in the schools throughout the state may be extended to save fuel.

The Dore Store can give you anything in the holiday confectionery line. Reliable goods at reasonable prices.

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The order to cut out all lights on electric signs at store windows on Sunday was not very well followed last night.

Buy your Xmas candy where you are sure of the quality. Nichols' Candy Store.

The Christmas rush was on with a vengeance Saturday afternoon and evening and all of the local stores did a rushing business.

For the convenience of our customers the Old Hardware Shop will remain open evenings of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday before Christmas, as we have many useful articles for your inspection. Pryor-Davis Co.

Try our broken candy, the homemade kind you like so well. Nichols' Candy Store.

Some few Portsmouth people think it pays to weld the hammer. Knockers do not succeed outside of Portsmouth and their occupation here is becoming curtailed. Join the Herald's Booster Club.

For Xmas, a good auto robe, a pair of Wedg the chains; the tester; battery tester; a good auto jack; mounting board mats; electric searchlight or horn; a Goodrich tire or tube; Chevrolet auto, the most satisfactory car built. Chas. H. Woods, Chevrolet, Vette and Kochler cars, Bow street. Autos for rent, Tel. 472.

THE HERALD HEARS

That the sugar rush was on again today and the police were called to keep order.

That the Rockingham County Light and Power Company pays the town of Seabrook \$12.20 as taxes.

That this is the second largest amount paid the town.

That some politicians are like an elevator—they work both ways.

That many a dog gets a sore ear in the attempt to follow its master through the turnstile of the postoffice vestibule.

That passenger train service on the several railroads is shot to pieces at present.

That the poet who can see poetry in plowing never did any work behind a plow.

That every man at the postoffice is right on his job.

That the police are after the drivers who take a chance without sleigh bells.

That the Democratic city committee will meet for a conference this week.

That nearly all the present city officials are said to be candidates for reappointment.

That not a few men will be seen wrapping or covering the engine of an automobile but they will never use a blanket on a horse.

That winter officially began on Saturday.

That no one can say we have not had a fair sample of it before the official date.

That the game hunting season in Maine closed on Saturday, December 15.

That the official record shows that seven persons were killed in the woods during the open season. One man was shot by mistake for a deer; three accidentally shot themselves; two were accidentally killed by companions and one died of exposure while hunting. There were sixteen fatalities last season.

CHANGE IN TIME TABLE ON P. D. & Y. ST. RV

Receiver W. G. Meloon of the P. D. and Y. St. Rv., issued the following change in time table this noon in order to comply with power saving and yet give the public continuous service. The change will give the public the regular night service.
Change in Schedule P. D. & Y. St. Rv. Effective Dec. 26

The following trips will be discontinued according to orders received to reduce coal consumption: Car leaving Portsmouth 10 a. m. for York Beach; car leaving York Village Postoffice at 6 a. m. for Portsmouth via P. K. & Y. division; car leaving York Beach at 11:30 a. m. for Portsmouth via P. K. & Y. division. The Kittery Point and Portsmouth cars will run only as far as Call's Trestle instead of Sea Point. Cars will stop only at White poles through Kittery and Elliot. By this change cars for Kittery Point will cross at Emery's instead of Champanowoc Siding.

PRESENTED WITH GOLD CHARM

W. E. Higgins who has taken a responsible position with the Texas Ship Building Co., at Bath, Me., was given a pleasant surprise by the members of the F. C. B. Club on Saturday evening. He was invited to the club rooms where he found a crowd of his brothers and as he entered the rooms President Thomas Massey stepped forward and in a neat speech presented him with an elegant K. of P. gold charm. Mr. Higgins made a response that called forth long applause.

STEAMER JULIETTE SOLD

The steamer Juliette for several seasons used on the Isles of Shoals route has been sold to Boston parties. She is at present tied up at the Freeman's Point plant. She will be taken away for immediate service.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS ATTENTION.

The regular meeting of Winfield Scott Schley Camp will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th. All comrades are requested to attend the meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, also to make arrangements for unfolding a service flag at a later date.

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H. W. POSTER, Adjutant.

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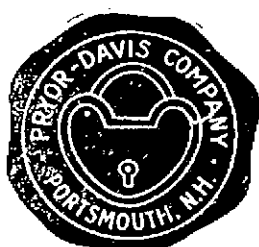
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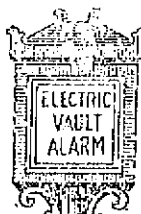
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